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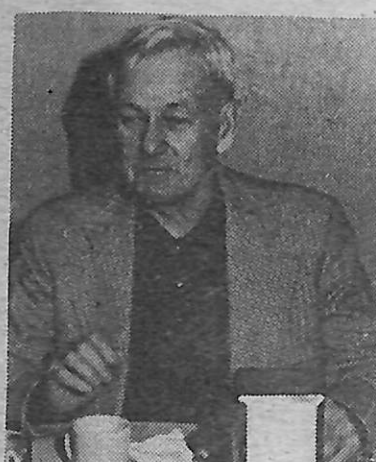
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Residents In Southwick & Suffield Give New Year's Resolutions

By Claudia Scott

[Editor's Note: For our first issue of the new year, the Advertiser/News sent reporter Claudia Scott in to our two communities to speak with local townfolk about their plans for 1982.]

Here we are once again facing a new year with new hopes, new goals, and possibly new resolutions.

This latter phrase must be used because some area residents admit they are repeating certain resolutions for at least the twentieth time. Others laugh when acknowledging they did not make any because they knew they would not keep them. There were even some who forgot about this wonderful chance to begin anew because of a hectic holiday schedule. When asked, however, they did stop to reflect on not only new year's resolutions, but also on some of the things they would like to see take place in 1982.

On the resolution lists, dieting was the most common resolve. At Mrs. Murphy's Donut Shop in Southwick, Rosemary Malone promised to begin her diet - soon - "after this one doughnut, okay?"

Suffield's Pilgrim Barbershop owner Dick Miner has already begun the Scarsdale diet and has lost eight pounds. Meanwhile he plans to continue enjoying life while he nibbles carrot sticks. He does admit, though, that this is a perennial goal.

Cynthia Ellershaw, a Southwick school clerk, also hopes to lose weight. Another of her resolutions is to take on the challenging task of quitting cigarette smoking. She has cut down and is trying to quit this year because "if at first..."

June Markowski in the Suffield tax collector's office is determined to cut out eating in between meals. However, her friendly, but somewhat doubtful co-workers suggest that the Advertiser/News check back to see how long this resolution lasts. Show 'em, June!

Kathy Krar, a secretary at Acon Design Builders in Suffield Village, has decided to "stop putting things

off until tomorrow and do them now!" She plans to begin next week! Her boss, John Morgan, is going to try to spend more time with his two children.

Families were often mentioned in new year thoughts. Marianne Miller of Southwick hopes hers will all have better health in '82. As an employee of Elzeor Roy Construction Company, Marianne also hopes that interest rates will come down so that young couples can buy homes.

This hope was shared by Faye Selvig of Suffield, a bank teller, who crossed her fingers when she added "wishful thinking, I guess."

Also in the wishful thinking department is Pat Antonucci, a Southwick town clerk, who wishes for something we all fantasize about - winning the lottery. Rosemary Malone let her imagination discover oil in Southwick prior to mentioning seriously the ideal of peace in this current turmoil of world affairs, something everyone hopes for in each new year.

Desires for peace are also expressed by Mickey Spear of Suffield Village Package Store and Ruth Martin, a clerk at Rapid Express in Suffield, who both have sons serving in the Navy. Ruth stated that she would love to see no more hungry people anywhere in the world and especially in our own "land of plenty."

Bill Garfield of Southwick feels optimistic for the coming year and believes things will be brighter for our nation. Does he feel this way because of Jean Dixon's prediction of an 8% mortgage rate, a declaration noted by Dennis Klaus, manager of John's Food Town in Suffield? Although Dennis is doubtful, he does hope for prosperity and family health among other things.

Suffield florist Harlene Shea would also like to see the economy straighten out, but she feels lucky

herself because she "has a very good life and can't wish for too much more."

Eileen Horkun of Southwick is also "happy just the way I am," although she does concede that her life would be even better if she could find that "perfect" part-time job.

Reporter Karen Ball would like to be successful in whatever she does this year, and, like many mothers, would like to be a little more patient.

The Southwick department heads are interested in community welfare. Melbert Johnson, chief of the volunteer firefighters, hopes to have the most effective fire prevention program ever. Police Chief Charles Wolfe says, "If things are as good as last year, I won't complain."

Sonya Monty, last year's recipient of the coveted Southwick High School Emerald Shield Award, wants to continue to do well as a freshman music major at Lowell State.

Travel plans are included in some of our readers' goals. Jude Mason, a cashier at Jones Food Market in Southwick looks forward to visiting friends in Oklahoma and Colorado.

Dale Dufresne of Suffield is going to California for a one-year stay while her husband does an assignment there for Combustion Engineering. Mrs. Dufresne plans to work toward her own goals by attending a college out there and by taking advantage of every cultural and social opportunity she can. This is also a year in which she intends to "reflect on what is important in life," a pause everyone should take every so often, she believes.

Finally, Don Addison and Bill Henschke of Suffield have similar resolutions, summing up a goal that we all have: that is, to live another year and be around to make resolutions for 1983!



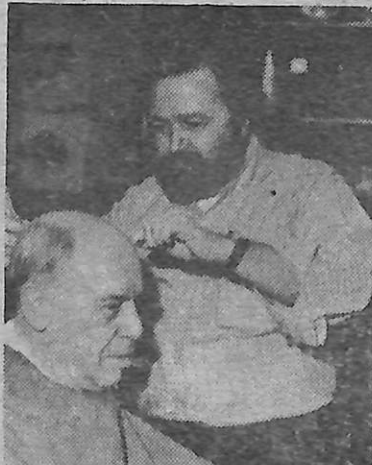
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Mid-Term Exams Approved For Southwick High Students

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: For the first time high school students here will have mid-term exams, effective January 25th. Administrators and teachers are enthusiastic about the project, commented School Superintendent Louis Josselyn at Tuesday's School Committee meeting.

Last spring the high school initiated a program on final exams which proved successful, Josselyn said. He said that final exams this year will count for 20 percent of the total grade, and mid-term exams for 10 percent of the fall semester grade. Tests will be given in all subjects, including physical education.

High School Principal Alexander Prew has planned a three-day testing schedule composed of seven exam periods. School Committee Chairman Priscilla Deveno approved of the concept, but felt that students who were scheduled for three exams in one day would be under too much pressure. Scheduling conflicts, Josselyn said, would be worked out in a make-up exam period.

Josselyn also told the School Committee Tuesday that he has been meeting with a group of teachers and principals to assess the entire school system and to report on their findings.

The report will include priority curricular and problem areas and what each school is expected to accomplish. His group plans to include parents of students from all schools. He said the study committee will develop a major direction for the system to follow in the next several years.

In other business, the School Committee will ask the January 27th Special Town Meeting to appropriate \$25,000 for its Special Needs Account. School administrators project a deficit of \$43,404 due to unanticipated placement of special needs students in programs out of the local system. The \$25,000 is

available through state aid to the town.

Mrs. Deveno said that the Finance Committee was also receptive to a future bond issue for roof repair. Architects Inc. of Northampton estimated a cost of \$500,000 to repair the roofs of three schools. The engineers also said that with proper roof repair and insulation, the town could expect to save over \$28,000 annually in energy costs.

Due to recent storms the deteriorated roof at the high school has leaked, causing heavy damage to several classrooms and offices. The building was described as a "disaster" by committee member Sheila Larkin. Administrators said most of the damage was to interior rooms and hallways and while there was extensive ceiling damage, no equipment or supplies were harmed. Clean-up and repair are estimated to cost \$1,200.

The committee also voted to lower the original high school tuition rate from \$2,250 to \$2,100. The first figure, according to business manager Kenneth Johnson, was wrong because he miscalculated the number of students at the high school. The rate hikes are of concern to Granville and Tolland, but Josselyn noted that the decrease was "not due to any outside pressure."

He said the department "must be realistic to keep its head above water." Actual per-pupil cost is \$2,096.92 at the high school. Josselyn said that even though there has been a decrease in the number of students and services, the tuition rate is based on the previous year's costs (in compliance with state regulations).

The committee noted that while all communities have budget problems, it has received no official reaction from either Granville or Tolland.

Teachers' Contract Nixed By Board

By Connie Davis

SUFFIELD: Stating that teachers with greater experience and graduate education stand to gain far more than those new to the system, the Board of Education unanimously rejected the teachers' contract for 1982-85.

Due to this action at Thursday night's emergency meeting, contract negotiations must be hammered out in arbitration scheduled for January 18 and to conclude March 1, unless agreement results before that date.

Superintendent of Schools Sidney DuPont said at Tuesday's meeting that board negotiation team members and education association members had reached preliminary agreement. The 141-member Suffield Education Association (SEA) ratified changes in language of the contract regarding the distribution of pay raises on Wednesday.

Tentative acceptance by the Board of Education of the total contract as proposed will raise teacher salaries 19.2 percent over the next two years. The board approved \$252,439 for 1982-83, (9.3 percent increase), and \$293,717 for 1983-84, (9.9 percent increase).

Negotiations began last May with no public comment until Thursday night's emergency session. Board Chairman Robert Newman felt the public should be informed, saying, "We owe people an explanation of why we rejected the contract."

Board member and negotiator Robert Bigelow detailed terms of the contract, to the displeasure of SEA members present. Their dissent, as stated by President Gail McKinley, is that areas to be arbitrated should not have been made public.

Salary levels for starting teachers and the town's ability to attract qualified newcomers into the system concern member Peter Das. "They merit larger raises than those provided in the contract ratified by the teachers' association," he said.

DuPont explained that under the 1979-82 contract, negotiated within guidelines of the Carter administration, junior level teachers received annual increases averaging 6.6 percent while teachers with a masters degree and 45 graduate credits would receive annual salary increases averaging approximately 10 percent.

The Board of Education's negotiating team will continue working for a final agreement. According to Gail McKinley, the SEA will consult with representatives of the Connecticut Education Association to plan strategy for negotiations.

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Mixed Emotions On Mass. Bottle Bill

By Connie Davis & Andi Phelps

Mixed emotions - depending on the location of their establishments - are expressed by area merchants in both Southwick and Suffield on the recently passed bottle recycling legislation in Massachusetts.

Southwick Merchants Against Bill

Package store operators in Southwick are mostly unanimous in their feelings against the bottle bill scheduled to go into effect next January. All interviewed feel that the consumer will be the ultimate loser because of added costs of bottled products.

Bob Benoit of Southwick Pharmacy believes people will pay a "premium for the privilege of having returnable bottles." He feels consumers have not been told of the added cost of handling and storage and believes the bottle bill would be "handily defeated" in the upcoming referendum vote once voters know the whole story.

Oak 'n Keg proprietor David Conniff says the bill is not "totally inflationary," but also presents a health problem in the storage of used bottles. Conniff too, hopes consumers will reverse the legislative act in the referendum vote, but he questions whether a valid vote involving at least 50% of the state's registered voters' participation with a 2/3 majority voting to repeal the law could be obtained.

Conniff feels this type of legislation is against business growth. Both the pharmacy and the Oak 'n Keg are operating in limited space and have not yet made plans for bottle storage or hiring help to sort bottles.

When asked his opinion of the bill, Robert Saunders of Saunders Package Store says, "You don't have to ask." He hasn't made any plans for the future, but says he probably will have to work harder. He feels passage of the bill will definitely affect business, but he will have to "work it out as it comes and hope we can keep prices competitive."

Clyde Jones of Jones Market has made plans for the future. He says sorting and storage of the returned bottles will require forty to sixty hours a week and plans to hire someone who would not be a regular store employee to do the extra work. He also plans to construct a storage area and is allowing for the bottle bill in the set-up of a new computer system in the store.

In considering the number of possible returns, Jones says he has nearly 100% return of the deposit milk bottles he presently sells. Conniff, who handles a limited amount of deposit bottles, also says he has a high return rate. He adds, however, that he has cleaned up many out-of-state deposit empties from his parking lot, noting that the deposit did not seem to deter littering.

Different from other local proprietors, John Mooney of the Soda Warehouse has already ex-

perienced the bottle bill at his Connecticut store. He does not care for it, but says it is "hard to argue against" something that proposes elimination of dirty bottles.

He adds it is merely a matter of getting the trash off the streets. Aluminum cans could be recycled, but most of the bottles will still be thrown away. "It's just a question of where the waste goes," he says.

Because he has the space in his College Highway store, Mooney says he will probably advertise "aggressively" for empties. He predicts that, as in Connecticut, prices will go up astronomically, but he feels what business he loses locally he will pick up in his Connecticut store because customers will not have to travel to save money.



Package and Food Store owners predict that the Mass. State Bottle Bill will up prices on items such as liquor and soda. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Package store operators in this border town have said they would experience a heavy loss of sales from Connecticut customers. They also feel that distributors will be increasing prices because of added storage, transportation and salary costs - costs they feel will be passed on to consumers. Most feel the bill will not solve the litter problem.

Suffield Welcomes Legislation

Most Suffield package and grocery store owners welcome the recently passed Massachusetts bottle recycling legislation. A similar bottle bill law became effective in Connecticut in January, 1980. In speaking of its advantages, Mickey Spear of the Village Package

Store in Suffield Village says customers have noted less litter on Connecticut beaches, and she feels the bill is doing its job in keeping roadsides clean.

Ted Mavis of Ebbs' Corner Package Store also likes the bottle bill. "With our environment, we have to depend on ourselves and recycle our own goods," he says, adding that he gets back only half of what he sells.

A disadvantage to the storeowner is accumulation of bottles and cans which take up space that could be used for stock.

Walter Szczapa, owner of Suffield Package Store on Mountain Road, says collecting cans and bottles is a very messy job. Insects and even rodents may cause the need for exterminators to go through a store building.

According to Szczapa, the problem wouldn't be so bad if there were redemption centers. He feels that if the 1800 package stores in the state, as well as all the grocery stores, were to chip in \$100 a year, there would be enough money in a kitty to hire individuals to go out to pick up cans and bottles.

Philip Kass, owner of Vic's Package Store on South Grand Street, agrees that handling cans and bottles is a nuisance. He had to build an extra shed for storage and agrees that a central redemption location would provide relief for storeowners. Noting that bigger stores put people on the payroll, he points out that he does the job himself.

Dennis Klaus of John's Foodtown on Mountain Road says they are fortunate to have enough space in back of the store for storage as well as a retired man who does the job.

The greatest disadvantage stated by every person interviewed is the increase in prices for beverages as well as containers. Mike Michelson, manager of the A & P in Suffield says there is "no question" that consumers go over the line into Massachusetts to buy at lower prices, minus the cost of deposit. To Dennis Klaus the minimum pricing restrictions, so that local stores can compete with prices charged over the line, are as important as the future effect of the Massachusetts bottle bill.

The bottle bill in Massachusetts is an important factor to Connecticut retailers. Connecticut price deregulation, effective this month on liquor and beer and next January on wine, will also have considerable impact on local business.

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Women's Club Hosts Fashion Show



MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWICK WOMEN'S CLUB recently held a fashion show at the Southwick Congregational Church in conjunction with "Irene's Closet" of Agawam. Here seated to right, Irene Scanlon, owner of the business, supervises as Mary Kvarnstrom, president of the club, shows off a black satin dress and white fox feathered mask circa 1930. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Southwick Grange Announces Raffle Winners

Members of the Southwick Grange organization have announced the winners of their holiday raffle held recently.

Gerald Celley won the hand-crocheted tablecloth made by Maude Daigneau of the local organization.

Helen Leirenski won the hand-knit afghan made by Grange member Nancy Weston.

Winners of capons were James Burns, Sharon Waferman, Judy Sanders, Gerald Davis, Margaret Fox, Jeanette Weston - all of Southwick - and Dorthy Hinckley of West Suffield.

Other winners were Ann Troi, Lorraine Gilbert, and J. Kalesnick.

Literary Club Sets Meeting

Suffield: The Mapleton Literary Club of Suffield will meet on Wednesday, January 13th, at 2 p.m. at the firehouse on Mountain Road. Ronald Eigenbrod will speak on "Clowning Around."

Hostesses for this meeting will be Ruth Stiles, Dorothy Underhill, Ruth Morse, Irene Hamilton, Bernice Mills, and Pat Seymour.

The group's next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10th.

Suffield Women's Club Schedules Meeting

The Suffield Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on January 12th at 12:30 p.m. at Kent Memorial Library.

Lilly Biscoe will present a slide program entitled "A Literacy Interlude in England."

Escape To The Wild

Herb Holmes, to many Sherlock Studio of Enfield, will be showing his works of art from January 10th through February 18th at Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, Massachusetts, a sanctuary sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Laughing Brook's gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Additional information and directions to their location may be obtained by calling (413) 566-8034.

Holmes' truly unique exhibit which combines graphic art and wildlife illustrating, has been appropriately named "Escape to the Wild." Many forms of art and a varied selection of mediums have been used to capture the look and feel of the many species shown.

Herb Holmes is a graduate of Vesper George School of Art in Boston and was for many years the illustrator for the east coast branch of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He is now a resident of Enfield, where he also operates his Sherlock Studio.

Secretaries To Meet

The Greater Enfield Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will meet on Tuesday, January 12th, at the Ramada Inn, Broad Street, East Windsor, for their monthly meeting.

The program will be entitled "Stress Management and Role Definitions." Esther Rubin from the North Central Connecticut Mental Health program will be the speaker.

All area secretaries are cordially invited to attend. Social hour is at 6:30, and dinner at 7 p.m. Please contact Jeanette Duprey of Enfield for reservations.

Cindy Singers To Present 12th Night Concert

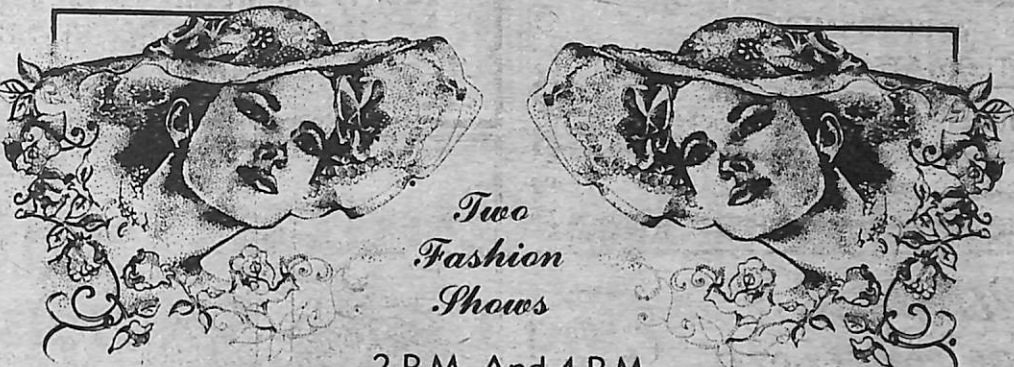
The Cindy Singers will present the twelfth night of Christmas concert on Sunday, January 10th, at 7 p.m. at the First Church of Christ Congregational, Suffield, Connecticut. The concert will take place in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in Ebenezer Gay Room.

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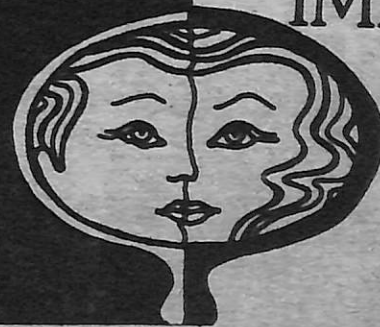
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Waterman Chairman Of Area Improvement League

Southwick: Hampden County's newly elected community committeemen met on December 14 at the Hampden County Improvement League Building in West Springfield to elect a county committeeman and Wallace Nietupski of Wilbraham was elected by those present to serve a three year term on the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee for Hampden County.

Richard Waterman of Southwick is the 1982 ASC County Committee chairman. Also on the committee is Ray Nestrovich from Granville, Thomas Calabrese from Southwick, Tedd Sussmann from Granville.

The ASC County and Community Committee members are an important part of the agricultural community because they are elected by other farmers in the county. The ASC County Committee (COC) is responsible for hiring a County Executive Director (CED) for the county office, overseeing program and administrative policies, decisions and program reviews.

ASC County Committees were established under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act of 1935. There are some 3,000 County Committees in the United States with 16,000 community committees.

Edward Roberts Attends Agway Conference

Southwick: Edward C. Roberts of Southwick, an Agway farm enterprise salesman, recently attended an Agway-sponsored horticultural school at Syracuse, New York, December 15-17. Special workshops on weed, insect and disease control in fruit, vegetables, potatoes covered new technology used in dealing with these pests on the farm. More than 100 farm enterprise specialists from northeastern states attended the three-day seminar.

Among the topics covered was a progress report on the practical use of Pheromone traps. They are wax-coated, cardboard devices which use a female sex hormone to attract male insects into the traps to estimate insect infestation on farms.

Scientists reported these devices are being used more widely, in conjunction with field scouting and computers, to plan effective and economical insect control programs in apple orchards and selected field crops.

New varieties of vegetables and potatoes were introduced during the seminar, unique production requirements in the Northeast described, and their market-worthy features defined.

The farm enterprise salespeople and crop specialists will use information gathered at the horticultural school to provide increased service to farmers in their respective areas during the coming cropping season.

Agway is a farm supply and food marketing cooperative owned by 119,000 farmer members in 12 Northeastern states. Its headquarters is in Syracuse.

Blood Pressure Screening Set At Mercy Hospital

A free blood pressure screening clinic will be held in the Memorial House auditorium of Mercy hospital, Springfield, on Tuesday, January 12th from 4 to 6 p.m.

Area residents of all ages are invited to attend, with no appointment necessary.



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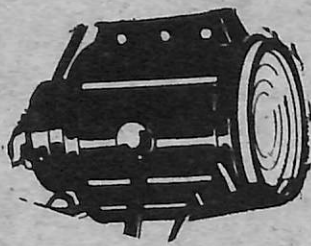
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Thurs., Jan. 14: Roast loin of pork, oven browned potatoes, sweet & sour cabbage, wheat bread & marg., applesauce, milk

Fri., Jan. 15: HOLIDAY

Members of the Southwick Grange gave \$125 to the Senior Center to run our monthly birthday parties. The Southwick Women's Club bakes two cakes for each of these parties which our members love so much.

The Southwick Lions Club has donated \$10 a month for the Senior Citizens activity fund which is used to purchase grab bag gifts, candy cups, ice cream, holiday decorations, etc. Anyone over 60 years of age is invited to attend these monthly parties which run from 1:30-4:00 p.m.

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Southwick seniors will meet on January 11th from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m., and the monthly birthday party will take place on Tuesday, January 19th. The Council on Aging will meet this month on Monday, January 18th.

Isabelle Root is in the hospital and would appreciate hearing from her friends. Joan Randolph is at home recuperating now.

SUFFIELD SR. CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

Social activities occur each Monday afternoon at Maple Court Hall on Bridge Street. These include craft workshops, card parties, and guest speakers and take place from 1 to 3 o'clock.

Ten-pin bowling takes place for seniors every Tuesday morning from 9 to 11 at Bradley Bowl in Windsor. Special rates include three games and shoe rental for \$1.80.

A soup kitchen is conducted every Wednesday at noon at Maple Court and West Suffield Congregational Church. Stephanie Alaimo will present her poetry discussion on Jan. 27th at 10 a.m. at W. Suffield Congo Church prior to the soup luncheon.

Each Thursday, an evening get-together in front of the fireplace at Maple Court gives seniors a chance to share favorite projects.

A workshop will focus on making scented kitchen/door brooms on Wednesday, Jan. 20th, from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$4. A slide program of general information on the Ambulance Association will also be presented on Wednesday, Jan. 20th at 1 p.m. at Maple Hall.

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By Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.

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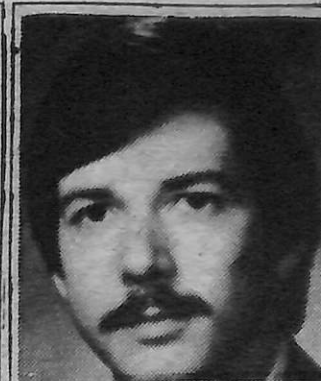
Obituary Notice

Vincenzo "Jim" Mercadante, 73, of 44 Pheasant Hill, Feeding Hills, a retired 13-year dispatcher for Sears, Roebuck, & Co., died December 28th in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield Hospital Unit.

Born in Boston, he lived in Agawam most of his life and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He was a former member of the Pastimes baseball team.

He leaves his wife Philomena (Menna); two sons, James and Roland; two daughters, Eleanor Fisher and Alberta Gutowski, all of Agawam; a sister, Elizabeth Garcia of Southwick; thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held December 31st at Colonial Funeral Chapel, 985 Main Street, Agawam, with a liturgy of Christian burial in Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.



A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial
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Why Pre-Arrange A Funeral?

Talking about death is often difficult. Yet a death in the family may create problems for survivors which can sometimes be alleviated by discussion and pre-planning. Prearranging and sometimes pre-financing a funeral is a method some people choose to assist their survivors after death occurs.

There are many different reasons for prearranging a funeral. Some persons, especially those who are alone in the world, may want the assurance of a funeral which meets their personal beliefs, standards, or lifestyle. Others feel a responsibility to assist survivors by arranging approximate funeral cost guidelines. Still others may have moved to distant places and may want to make sure that certain recommendations are heeded as to where the funeral and burial will take place.

The advantages or disadvantages of funeral pre-arrangements depend upon the individual circumstances and cannot be generalized. What may be satisfying for some could be impractical for others.

Before prescribing a definite kind of funeral or type of final disposition, it is always wise to consider and consult those survivors who will be most affected by the death. Grant them the opportunity to be active planning participants not just passive spectators. Remember, while the funeral is of the person who has died, it is for those who survive.

Discussing funeral arrangements in advance brings the subject of death in the open and the family is afforded an opportunity to share mutually their thoughts about its important considerations.

Once the pre-arrangement is completed, the client receives a copy and the funeral director keeps one on file. The client should notify some responsible person that such an agreement exists and where it may be found. Never leave a pre-arrangement in a safe deposit box or with a will, for oftentimes these details are not looked into until after the funeral.

Some who prearrange a funeral may want to pre-pay the entire amount or a fraction of it. It is important to note that a person making the payment can retain the right to terminate the contract at any time with reimbursement of the funds paid and earnings accrued.

In any event, in making a pre-arranged funeral agreement, it is highly desirable that you seek expert professional counseling from a funeral director. He will gladly assist you at no cost or obligation. If, in your discussion, there are matters which go beyond his field, he will suggest you contact a person competent in that area. Always bear in mind, the funeral director is there to serve you.

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Financial Facts

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Almost everyone makes a New Year's resolution to manage their money better. But, in the absence of a plan, this resolution fades almost as soon as the new year begins. The key to better money management lies in planning, and that plan is called a budget.

HOW TO START: The best way to begin is to look at your last paycheck and see how much your take-home pay was. Using this amount, you can closely figure how much your annual income will be after taxes and other payroll deductions. Also include here any income from other sources before adding up your income total.

Next, go through all your bills and check stubs and list how much money you spent last year for groceries, utilities, gasoline, rent, loans and so on. This will give you a rough idea of how much you will be spending this year.

Now take this information and begin filling out a monthly budget list. Under **INCOME**, list salaries, dividends, cash gifts, bonuses, and the tax refund you're expecting. Under **EXPENSES**, list both your fixed and flexible obligations. Identify as fixed such permanent expenditures as mortgage or rent payment, insurance premiums, monthly payments on installment loans and tuition fees, if your children are in school.

Consider as flexible those items you have some freedom with, such as food, clothing, transportation, household operating costs, medical bills and savings programs.

DETERMINE DISPOSABLE INCOME: Total each list now, subtracting your expenses (fixed and flexible) from your income. The resulting figure is your disposable income. It is this portion that is normally used to help individuals and families offset the rising costs of living.

CLEARER PICTURE: Now that you can better visualize your money picture - your expenses, your income and your leftover reserve (or lack of one) you can determine if your financial activity is in or out of line with your goals and objectives.

SHOULD THE LATTER BE TRUE: Flexible expenses and discretionary spending offer the greatest opportunity for modifying your budget to bring it more in line with your own goals. Here is your chance to cut down on particular expenses that seem to be running too high. It's also an opportunity to spend a little more on places where you may have been skimping. If you think you're spending too much in some of these categories, decide exactly which items you can postpone, reduce, substitute, or cut out altogether. When it comes right down to it, only you can make these decisions.

REMEMBER: Once you've put the finishing touches on your budgeting plan, don't treat it as if it's cast in concrete. Its whole purpose is to provide you with a flexible guide to help you better manage your money.

Kent Library OpenSundays

Suffield: The Kent Memorial Library is now open every Sunday from 1 - 4:30 p.m. There is full reference service available and five major Sunday newspapers are received: *The Sunday New York Times*, *The Hartford Courant*, *The Boston Sunday Globe*, *The Sunday Republican* and the *Boston Herald American*.

The library's first film in its bi-weekly series will be shown this Monday, January 11th, at 7 p.m. *Gaslight* is the film to be shown.

Community Scrapbook



By Claudia Scott

Louise Haire Retired, But Busy

Louise Haire of Southwick describes herself as "retired and still too busy." Although she is doing some of the things associated with retirement, such as playing more golf and traveling, her schedule is also filled with volunteer and part-time work.

Born in Westfield, Louise attended the last one-room schoolhouse in the town through eighth grade. She enjoyed helping the teacher correct papers and thus began a lifelong commitment to education.

Since Louise grew up at Wyben Orchards, a fruit farm in Westfield, she also learned from her agricultural background. As an active 4-H Club member, she was able to attend college on scholarships from the club. 4-H is also the reason Louise went to Vermont as an extension agent and met and married Harley (Ken) Haire. The Haires have lived in Southwick 25 of their 40 years of marriage.

Since moving here, Louise has become known for her pioneering of nutrition and home economics programs in the Southwick School System. Her writing of grant proposals for federal funding has brought in thousands of dollars for the schools to promote nutrition programs for all of the children.

Louise believes "you can't teach a hungry child," and, because of that belief, she has devoted much of the past decade to writing proposals and creating innovative programs to introduce knowledge of food and how it affects the body to every child in town.

Her most challenging project was a Christmas buffet for 300 kids, grades kindergarten through three. Each child made and served part of the meal with everything being prepared in the classroom. Despite a sleepless night the eve of the event, when Louise wondered if it really were too demanding a project, she terms the day a social and delightful success.

Louise's programs have also become models for other nutrition projects in Granville, Westfield, and Turners Falls, all of which she has helped to direct and is still available to them as a consultant.

As a home economics teacher, Louise originated and taught the child study program at the high school for many years. This was a pilot program where townspeople could bring their children in for a free



pre-school experience. Louise is very proud of this class because she feels, "you can't learn about children without having interaction with them."

She taught that course until 1978 and has very good memories of the cooperation there among three groups: children, high school students, and parents.

Louise has three children of her own. Her daughter Anna is a marriage/divorce counselor at the University of Iowa in Ames. Joyce is a homemaker in Maine and the mother of Louise's only grandchild, Janet. Son Leslie is a ski instructor in Colorado.

For the past six years, the Haires have hosted a teacher for two weeks in the summer as part of the American Host Program. Their guests have come from Germany, France, Finland, and Sweden. Louise finds it most rewarding to participate in this cultural exchange.

Louise loves to bake and expresses as her pet peeve having people classify home economists as women who "cook and sew." She states, "There are so many things involved in managing a home and family and home economics in school covers seven major areas, something many people do not realize."

When asked what was next on her agenda, Louise said she would like to hike through New England and Canada. "Ken has not agreed to that one yet," she admits with a grin. However, with Louise's determination, it won't be a surprise to hear that they do go someday soon.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Southwick School Lunch Menus

Powder Mill & High Schools

Mon., Jan. 11: Hamburger on roll, sliced cheese, french fries, fruit, milk

Tues., Jan. 12: Tomato rice soup, cold cut grinders, lettuce, tomato, vegetable stix, pudding, milk

Wed., Jan. 13: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, shredded cheese, Popeye salad, bread sticks, dessert, milk

Thurs., Jan. 14: Baked chicken w/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread & butter, choice of pudding or fruit, milk

Fri., Jan. 15: NO SCHOOL-M.L. KING DAY

Woodland School

Monday: Same

Tuesday: Tomato rice soup, tuna salad sandwich, vegetable stix, pudding, milk

Wednesday: Same

Thursday: Hamburg gravy on bread, buttered corn, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, fruit, milk

Friday: No School



Maryjane O'Donoghue.
Jim Nelson Photo

Child Study Proves Most Relevant

By Claudia Scott

Southwick: Room 135 is not the typical classroom at Southwick High School. There are short tables and munchkin-sized chairs next to a play area of educational toys. The walls have murals of Walt Disney characters and the beautifully arranged bulletin boards all relate to young children.

This is where child study, one of the most relevant, challenging (and noisiest) classes is held. The course which is part of the home economics program is divided into two sections. One part consists of a laboratory pre-school conducted three mornings a week with twenty children ages 4 and 5. The lab is run by high school students who choose weekly themes, make up lesson plans, and lead the daily activities.

The second part of the course involves the students' evaluation of their experiences with the children through written and oral discussion along with the study of theories of child development.

Teacher Maryjane O'Donoghue feels that everyone benefits from the course. Preschoolers are provided an opportunity for group socialization, which, for many of them, is their first social experience. They are also exposed to a routine schedule made up of various activities to promote the major areas of child development.

These areas consist of physical, social, intellectual, emotional and creative aspects. Activities are divided into exercise time, "Listen and Learn," letter and number writing, creative crafts, singing and story telling.

Some of the weekly themes have been Colors are Everywhere, The Five Senses, Animal Week, and Manners. The holidays offer special delights for the preschool children and students alike who spend the week preparing for activities related to the particular holiday coming up.

According to Ms. O'Donoghue, some of the success of the lab school comes from the cooperation of parents, who offer help with transportation and special projects which is vital because of the program's limited budget.

However, the real success of the lab school depends entirely upon the efforts of the high schools students who conduct it. Ms. O'Donoghue loves to observe students working with young children. Not only does it take a lot of patience and creative thinking, but it

helps them learn just how important cooperation among themselves and assuming a leadership role can be to the success of the class.

She stresses that she is not teaching students how to be parents, but rather how to relate with children, something everyone should know.

It also pleases Ms. O'Donoghue that a growing number of male students are taking her course. She notes that they are really enthused and have no trouble working with the children.

Because working with preschoolers is only half the child study class, Ms. O'Donoghue admits that sometimes students who signed up for the course are often surprised by the work required. "This course often brings out a lot of talents in the students, particularly in the artistic, musical and dramatic areas," she states.

The best result, however, is that the students can learn about themselves. They discuss social, emotional and intellectual adjustments, and Ms. O'Donoghue often notices a change in how they work with the children. "Some students who wanted to know why children act the way they do have told me that they understand more after participating in the classes," she says.

Teresa Solek, a student in the class, calls it "a really good course because we get to be teachers and help children grow and learn." She adds that it also brings back memories of when she was little and some of the funny things that she used to do.

Parents also praise the program. Mrs. Clare Cotulli claims that she has seen a tremendous benefit for her son Michael. "I think it's a privilege for anyone who has the opportunity to participate because it offers definite social and learning experiences for the child," she explains.

Another mom, Mrs. Karen Ball, states, "Child Study shows students how wonderful and lovable children can be, but it also educates them by showing how demanding, time-consuming, and sometimes frustrating they can also be."

Students taking this course, hopefully, will come to an awareness of young children as sensitive human beings and will realize they need as much consideration as any of us. If anything can help make that point, it is a "hands-on" class like Child Study.

In The Good News Dept....

Southwick: The efforts of mothers in grades 1-4 realized nearly \$1,000 at the Children's Christmas Bazaar and will put these funds towards special educational activities which would not be otherwise possible.

Co-chairperson Janet Davilli thanks the women who helped, who will also be honored at a tea in the Woodland cafeteria later this month. Mrs. Davilli invites more parents to contact her about volunteering as the group reorganizes this month for next year's bazaar.

Since the women can work in small groups as well as individually, the get-togethers are social as well as worthwhile. With a definite need for more people, she asks anyone interested to call her at 569-3462.

...Student Council advisor Bonnie Kibbe reports that the recent Toys for Tots drive was one of the best ever held at the high school. On a possible score of 100 (perfect), the group received a 93 from the Marine Corps, which conducts the campaign.

Despite a storm the night of the benefit concert for the drive, a good number of toys were collected. Ms. Kibbe says that it was really touching to see some "macho" students come in with three toys tucked under their arms.

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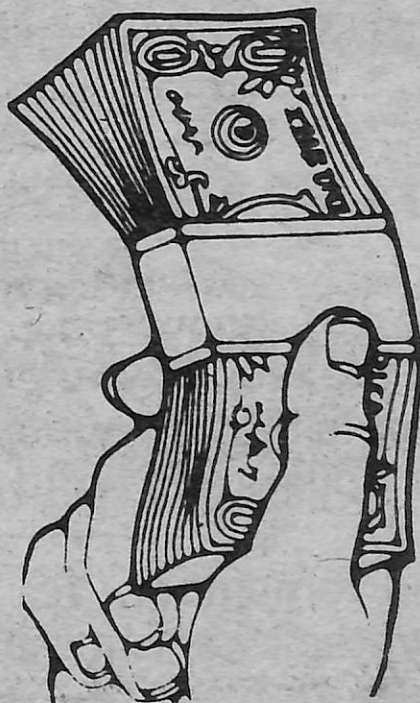
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MCALISTER SCHOOL SIXTH GRADERS, from left, Tony Case, Jennifer Bogoslofski, Katie Mahoney and Lisa Morganweck experiment with generating Co2 in David Belden's Science Class. These type of studies help students prepare for high school. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Science Program: Hands-On Learning

By Lil Devin

Suffield: McAlister Middle School offers its students a variety of educational programs which insures that they will be well-prepared for high school, according to Anthony Kula, principal at the school.

One such program is Investigation in Physical Science (IPS), which takes a hands-on approach to laboratory sciences. This program, geared initially toward ninth graders, originated at the time Russia's space Sputnik indicated our nation had been outdone scientifically and hopes were it would help to advance American children in the sciences. Suffield modified the ninth grade program, gearing it down to suitable levels for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders.

"The investigations in Physical Science program fits in beautifully with Suffield's scheme of things," Kula states. He explains that teachers collaborated in developing the program of introducing subject matter through a lab approach.

Sixth graders are taught earth science; seventh

graders, biology; and eighth graders, physical science. Students may participate in lab work that allows them to do a range of experiments from charting weather patterns to dissecting frogs.

Suffield, one of the first towns to implement the science program, got IPS off the ground in 1970-71. At that time, all students participated. Although the program was originally designed for only honor students, modifications allowed IPS to address all students' individual abilities and needs.

Kula claims that the only major problem with the program has been a lack of enough lab material and suitable textbooks. However, he credits the constant revision of text materials as insuring improvement in course material taught.

One such improvement is a section of enrichment in textbooks for high achievers. With this modification, teachers are better able to work with students whose abilities are quite diverse.

Women's Club Seeks Scholarship Applicants

Suffield: The Suffield Women's Club is seeking applicants for the Phipps Memorial Award, which is presented to women in their third or fourth year of college who have maintained a 3.0 average over their first two or three years.

Phipps Scholarships are awarded annually by the Connecticut State Federation of Women's Clubs in memory of Mary Phipps, who served for 32 years as president of the Connecticut Federation.

Each federated women's club in the state can sponsor one applicant for the award. These are then judged by the state Federations Scholarship Committee. Three such awards have gone to Suffield women in the past few years.

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Suffield School Lunch Menus

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Tues., Jan. 12: (Planned by W.Suffield students nutrition project) Fish sticks, corn niblets, carrot & cucumber rounds, apple crisp, milk

Wed., Jan. 13: Hamburger in roll, cheese potatoes, tangerines, milk

Thurs., Jan. 14: Vegetable soup, French bread pizza, fruit cup, oatmeal cookie, milk

Fri., Jan. 15: NO SCHOOL - M.L. KING DAY

Adult Ed. Teachers Sought

Suffield: Anthony Kula, principal of the McAlister Middle School and coordinator of adult education in Suffield, is seeking teachers for adult education classes for the spring semester.

Anyone wishing to teach an adult education course should contact Kula at the Middle School (203) 668-7384 or the Superintendent's office, (203) 668-7347.

All responses should be in by January 11, 1982.

Suffield Rec Offers Art Classes For 5-8 Graders

An art class for students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 will begin Tuesday, January 12th, and continue for eight weeks. Classes will be held at the McAlister Middle School cafeteria from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Students at Spaulding School will be transported to the Middle School.

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SPORTS/RECREATION

Suffield Hockey Hits Tough Times

By Rick McCarty

For the Suffield High hockey team, the last two weeks have been stormy ones. Since the resignation of second year coach Laurie Bastarache, the Wildcats are 3-2, posting wins over Rockville, Windsor and East Catholic while falling to Enfield and Simsbury.

Now under the guidance of former coach Larry Green and former Suffield player Rick Martino, the Wildcat icemen are attempting to regroup and get back to their winning ways following a period of disarray.

Both Martino and Green are attempting to get the Suffield program back into a consistent groove on the ice and get the team back into the right frame of mind.

Leading the team in the offensive department are junior Randi Demers and Bill Carney as they have had a hand in the majority of Wildcat tallies. On defense, the plaudits go to senior defensivemen John Bertolini and junior goalie Bernie Dion.

Hawes Bright Note For Suffield Hoop

By Rick McCarty

The Suffield High boys basketball team has within their ranks the number one scorer in the NCCC in the person of Roger Hawes. This 6-1 sophomore is averaging close to twenty points per outing and keys the future success of the hoop program.

However, the Wildcats presently are 1-3 in the NCCC and 1-6 overall. This record may indicate a disastrous campaign thus far but the Wildcats have been victimized by cold shooting. In two of these losses while still showing intensity and their obvious inexperience of having only one senior starter, the locals could have come out on top.

Suffield's three non-league losses were to Valley Regional, and two to Farmington. Suffield was blown out by Valley Regional but stayed with a tough Farmington squad, losing by seven points the first time and by only four the second time.

Coach Fran Aniello believes that with more practice certain areas of the team's play can improve. The only bright spots for the Wildcats thus far have been Hawes and the play of senior captain David Simmons. Simmons lead the team on defense and scored a career high 24 points against Farmington.

Suffield Girls Hoop Remain Winless

By Dawn Cummock

The Suffield High girls basketball team is off to a rough start with a record of 0-7, but with the majority of players being underclassmen and the lack of varsity experience prominent in last year's squad, that is to be expected.

Defensively Suffield proves to be strong. They are aggressive and versatile as shown by their ability to full court press, create a tight zone and apply tough man-to-man pressure.

Offensively the team has now developed the consistency to find the hoop and their outside shooting and fast break have been poor.

The girls have shown signs of offensive life as evidenced by 18 points in one quarter during a recent outing, but they have to work on playing four consistent quarters instead of a roller coaster style.

The team lost two starting players after the first three games due to mishaps. Junior Missy Wentworth averaged 17 points per game until she broke her ankle and was sidelined. Freshman Julie Sullivan, averaging 8 points per contest, 6 rebounds and 4 steals, was out due to illness.

The loss of these two key players forced the young quintet to make several adjustments early in the season. Seniors Kelly Borchers and Pam Norcross have become the floor leaders and are not the type of individuals who lose heart. Both Kelly and Pam keep the spirits of their teammates uplifted despite the squad's winless record.

Suffield girls basketball is undergoing a rebuilding year and the badly needed experience factor now plaguing the girls will not be a thorn in their side next season.

Suffield's most recent game was a close 47-31 loss to Stafford on Tuesday, January 4.

Suffield took a 17-13 margin to the intermission as sophomore Beth Glime and freshman Julie Sullivan combined for 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Missy Wentworth, starting for the first time since breaking her ankle, provided the team with the emotional confidence that the team needed with five steals, five assists and a pressuring defense.

Excessive fouls by both sides - fourteen for each - made it difficult to get off the charity line and slowed the tempo considerably.

Stafford's leading scorer, Pam Gaudet, pumped a game high 29 points and exploded for 10 of those points in the third quarter when the momentum began to shift. Suffield made a special effort to contain her but Pam still found the outside shooting to her liking.

Suffield scored 14 points in the second half while Stafford romped with 34 points, 12 of these from the foul line. Three of Suffield's starters fouled out.

Suffield Flyers End Year With Wins

The SUFFIELD FLYERS YOUTH HOCKEY CLUB finished the 1981 season on a high note with an overall record during December for its seven teams of 34-22-2. Leading the organization was the Squirt A and Squirt B teams with 9-0-0 and 7-1-0 records, respectively. Surprisingly, the Mite team and Pee Wee B teams, both of which have many first year skaters, also came away with winning records in December as well. The following are the results of the games for the last two weeks in December.

MITES: Led by the fine skating and a "hat trick" by Curtis Kaplan, the Suffield Mites outraced a fine team from Enfield by a 5-1 margin. Strong goaltending by Chris Mavis and solid defensive play by his twin brother Matt, kept the Enfield skaters at bay. Following that big game, a big, fast Squirt/Mite team from Colombia proved to be too much for Suffield, as they toppled the locals by a 10-1 margin.

In a rematch with Enfield, the Suffield team once again prevailed by a 3-1 margin. Jason Warn, a first year, five year old skater, scored his first goal of the season and was awarded the game puck. Geoff Patsh and Paul Baldyga played fine defensive games.

PEE WEE B: The Pee Wee B's gave themselves an early holiday treat by beating a strong East Longmeadow team by a 4-3 margin. The Flyers first two tallies came off the stick of Steven Walker as he showed some super skating. Greg Frechette scored his first goal of the season for the Pee Wee's and big John Zorgrager rounded out the scoring for Suffield.

Suffield fans saw some nice moves by Lincoln Hugo as they defeated a smart team from Wethersfield, 3-1, for their first win of 1982 last week.

Scoring in that game came from Steven Walker, John Zorgrager and Lincoln Hugo.

SQUIRT A: The strong Squirt A team, whose overall record now stands at 16-2-1, coasted to victories over West Hartford (5-1), Simsbury (8-0), and West Springfield (13-5), extending their unbeaten string to twelve. Balanced team play keyed the win over the pucksters from West Hartford as five different players figures in the scoring. Dan Racine played a good offensive game with a goal and an assist. Dan Lownds shored up the defensive unit and also chipped in with a goal.

Jason Humiston took charge in the Simsbury victory as he tallied a three goal "hat trick." To close out 1981, Suffield routed West Springfield 13-5 with Jason Humiston scoring his second consecutive "hat trick." Rusty Stone also scored three goals with Travis Tucker chipping in with a goal and three assists.

SQUIRT B: The Squirt B's seven game winning streak was broken by a well disciplined team from Avon by a 2-0 score. The defensive play of Shane Potemski, Jared Morgan and Jason Fabi, along with the fine goaltending of Doug Newton, prevented the game from getting out of hand. The following day, Suffield edged Windsor, 4-3, combining both hustle on defense and excellent passing to propel the locals to the close win.

Taylor Deupree outskated the defense on a breakaway goal after a crisp pass from Jared Morgan. Mike Kaplan tallied his first goal of the year for the Squirts. Mike Welsh and Kenny Ladden chipped in the other goals for the Suffield scores.

The Squirt B's overall record now stands at an impressive 12-4-1.

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Typrowicz Big Reason...

Southwick Boys Hoop At 5-0

By Chris Hout

Last year the Southwick boys basketball team was 10-10. This year the Rams are a perfect 5-0 following their initial five games of the season and according to coach Bob Lawless, the big difference is sophomore guard Todd Typrowicz.

"Todd has made all the difference in the world," said Lawless. "I have given him the burden of controlling the offense and so far he has really responded well. He controls the tempo for us. And remember -he is only a sophomore," Lawless beamed.

In addition to playing basketball, Todd plays soccer and baseball at the school. Typrowicz was one of the leading scorers on the varsity soccer team this past fall.

I don't even think Todd has realized his potential yet," says Lawless. "He is just an excellent all-around athlete."

In last Tuesday's action against Hampshire, Typrowicz directed the Rams to their fifth consecutive victory, a 51-35 verdict at Southwick High School.

Typrowicz registered 13 points and half a dozen rebounds for the winners. Southwick's big man on this night, however, was guard Dave Reed. Reed pumped in a game high 16 points while corralling 11 balls of the iron.

Southwick jumped to a commanding 15-3 lead in the first quarter against 'Hamp. The visitors got on track in the second session, outscoring Southwick 16-14 for a 29-19 Southwick advantage at the half.

In the second half the stingy Ram defense allowed 'Hamp only 8 buckets as the locals cruised to the overwhelming 16 point victory.

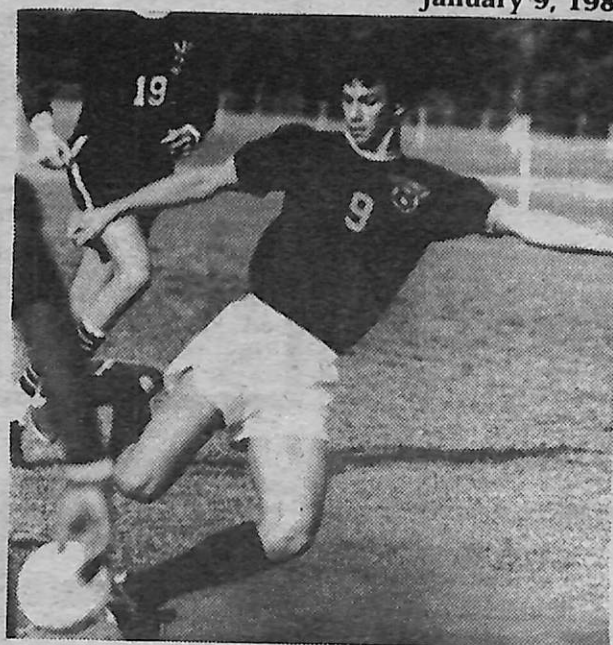
Lawless praised the play of his revolving centers, Allan Swanson and Daryl Leville in the victory. Swanson starts but Lawless likes to alternate the two during the course of a ballgame.

"I think having two centers of Allan's and Daryl's ability is a big plus for us," observed Lawless. "I now get ten fouls out of my center position instead of just five. So I tell them to go in there and knock heads as much as they want."

Are the Rams for real? "I think we are," says Lawless. "We'll find out for sure in our next three games."

Southwick faces the three toughest teams in the E Division over the next seven days; Granby on Friday, January 8th, Palmer on January 12th (both away), and then the big clash with defending league champion Ware, at home on Friday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m.

"I'm sure we will be big underdogs against Ware but the way we're going you can never tell what will happen," said Lawless.



SOUTHWICK SOPHOMORE Todd Typrowicz soared in soccer and is doing likewise in Southwick varsity basketball.

Girls Smash Gaels

By Chris Hout

The Southwick Rams girls basketball team, using a balanced scoring attack from their starting unit, easily disposed of the Holyoke Catholic Gaels, 52-22 in girls high school hoop action Thursday night at Southwick High.

Once again, Kim Florek led all scorers with 11 points, followed by Cindy Lapan with 9 (7 in the third quarter), Allison Hiers with 9, Jesse Hansen with 8 and Karen Schulz with 7.

Southwick spotted the Gaels a 2-0 lead at the start of the contest. From that point on it was all Rams as the locals proceeded to score the next 22 points enroute to a 24-6 lead at the half. Southwick led 13-2 after the first.

Lapan and Schulz opened the third quarter with consecutive three point plays for the 6-0 Rams who outscored Holyoke Catholic 20-12 in the quarter. Lapan was red hot in the period as she went on to score 7 of her 9 points in that time.

Sensing the easy victory, Southwick coach Jim Vincent lifted his starting unit with 3:27 left in the third quarter. The Rams led 44-18 after three.

In the fourth quarter Southwick's second unit held the Gaels to 2 field goals and Hansen popped off the bench to bag four of her own as Southwick walked away with a laugh.

The Rams, who lead the E Division with their perfect 6-0 record, trek to Granby on Monday, January 11th for their first big test of the season.

"That Granby team is really tough, especially at home," said Vincent. "We'll have to be at the top of our game in order to win that one. It won't come easy."

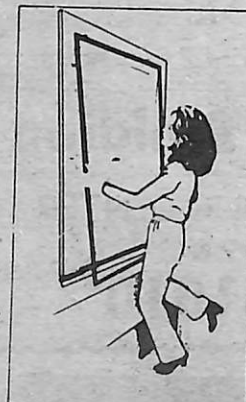
Although Southwick had little trouble with Holyoke Catholic, Vincent wasn't taking the Gaels lightly. "Holyoke Catholic is a much better team than they showed tonight. I expected a much closer ballgame," he said.

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